

Chesterfield County

1. **What does educational achievement mean to our community?**
 - Life skills
 - Productive and contributing members of society
 - Diverse voices – balance
 - Jobs – good and here
 - Minorities in management
 - Opportunities for success
 - Communication/teamwork/character education
2. **What is needed in our community so that ALL students can succeed? (Strengths & Challenges)**
 - Challenges:**
 - Social skills
 - Conflict resolution
 - Meeting industry needs
 - High turnover
 - Finding and keeping high quality teachers
 - Parental involvement
 - Competitiveness among towns
 - Literacy
 - Strengths**
 - Small town
 - Best facilities
 - Technical colleges
 - Prode
 - One language
 - People are dedicated
 - Land
 - Strong tax base
3. **What programs, partnerships etc. work well in your community to support all students succeeding?**
 - Adult education
 - First Steps: 0-4 age children, book program, childcare, 4-year-olds, home visits, parent involvement
 - Partnerships: people, shadowing, early career
 - Religious faith
 - Leaders who listen
 - Coordinating council – strong and show up
 - Efforts to slow teen pregnancies
 - High technology
 - Job One Stops
4. **What can we do in our homes and neighborhoods to strengthen our schools?**
 - Volunteer in schools

- Get involved with own children, friends children – don't wait for the teacher to call
- Want to hear more from educators and schools
- What can we do
- Help us to target money
- Provide students with real life experiences
- Convince folks
- Long term gratification
- Greater issues
- Community awareness